



**CONGREGATION FOR THE DOCTRINE OF THE FAITH**

**Letter to the bishops of the Catholic Church and to the Ordinaries and Hierarchs, regarding the modifications introduced in the**  
*Normae de gravioribus delictis*

Nine years after the promulgation of the Apostolic Letter *Motu proprio data*, «*Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*», regarding the norms *de gravioribus delictis* reserved to the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, this Dicastery held it necessary to proceed with a reform of the above mentioned text, emending it not in its entirety, but only in certain areas, in order to render the text more useful.

After a thorough and attentive study of the proposed modifications to the norms, the Fathers of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith presented the Roman Pontiff with a draft. The Holy Father approved and ordered the promulgation of these revised norms on 21 May 2010.

Attached with this letter is a brief description of the changes and amendments of the normative text, «*Sacramentorum sanctitatis tutela*». In this way, the modifications are rendered more immediately accessible.

Rome, from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 21 May 2010.

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